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Applicant : Paul HANSELMANN et al.

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Examiner: Ebenezer O. Sackey

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For : METHOD FOR PRODUCING CYANOACETIC ACID ESTERS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 17, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121, please insert new Claim 17 as follows. The changes made are shown explicitly in the attached "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made".

Please insert new Claim 17 as follows:

-- 17. The process according to Claim 7, wherein the oxidation includes a radical inducer selected from the group consisting of *N*-hydroxyphthalimide, *N*-hydroxysuccinimide and *N*-hydroxymaleimide.